

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 7 are amended to recite additional features disclosed in the specification at, for example, Figs. 3, 4, 6 and 9; page 20, lines 8-20; and page 22, lines 14-19. Claims 13 and 14 are added. Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9 and 12 are amended.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiners Poon and Nguyen for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative, Mr. Luo, during the October 9, 2007 personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,886,028 to Matsuyama et al. ("Matsuyama"); and rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Matsuyama in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,845,076 to Arakawa. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 7 are amended, as outlined above, to recite additional features. In particular, claim 1 is amended to recite "a settings image data editing portion receiving, from the network via the communicating portion, an edit instruction that is inputted in association with the edit image, and editing the settings image data based on the edit instruction." Claim 7 is similarly amended. Matsuyama does not disclose or suggest these additional features, as recited in claims 1 and 7.

For example, Fig. 9 of Matsuyama only discloses editing certain functions, such as print server, sheet size and number of copies. Matsuyama does not disclose or suggest an edit instruction that is inputted in association with the edit image. In particular, Fig. 10 of Matsuyama is not any window popping up from the window of Fig. 9. Fig. 10 merely shows an example of printing order file that is generated based on the user's operation on the print

detail information setup page of Fig. 9. (See col. 10, line 53 - col. 11, line 2). Therefore, Matsuyama does not disclose or suggest the above-quoted features added to claims 1 and 7.

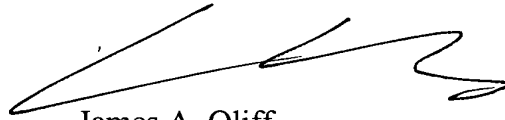
Also, Arakawa does not supply the subject matter lacking in Matsuyama. Thus, Matsuyama and Arakawa, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1 and 7, and claims 2-6 and 8-12 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 13 and 14 are patentable at least in view of the patentability of claims 1 and 7, from which they respectively depend, as well as for additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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